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NOTE FOR THE DCI

SUBJECT: Morning Developments

Lebanon/Syria

Lebanese Amal Party leader Barri met with President Assad and Walid Jumblatt yesterday in Damascus. A statement issued after the meeting said Barri has now sided with Syria against the Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal agreement. [REDACTED]

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NESA Comment: Delays in implementing the troop withdrawal accord have led uncommitted Lebanese leaders, such as Barri, to lose confidence in the Gemayel government and take a stand against it. [REDACTED]

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Lebanon

Lebanese media reports Syrian troop movements have been observed in the Bekaa Valley, particularly in Ba'labakk. Large numbers of tanks and vehicles reportedly have taken up combat positions in various parts of the city. The correspondent says the movements were made to bring the situation there under control, given the fact that Ba'labakk is an Arafat stronghold. [REDACTED]

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Chad/Libya

President Habre today said fierce fighting was taking place in Oum Chalouba and Kalait. He called on France to "stand at our side to repulse the foreign aggression." A Goukouni spokesman, however, said yesterday both Oum Chalouba and Kalait were captured by rebel forces along with Fada. [REDACTED]

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USSR/East Germany

The Soviet Ministry of Defense yesterday announced that 26,000 air and ground troops from the Group of Soviet Forces in East Germany will participate in a military exercise from 25 to 30 July. The exercise area will include Magdeburg, Jena, Dresden and Frankfurt-on-Oder. [REDACTED]

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Yugoslavia/International

The Yugoslav Federal Assembly today adopted controversial legislation empowering the National Bank to negotiate commercial loans from international creditors. Yugoslavia could sign a new loan agreement with Western banks as early as next week. [REDACTED]

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EURA Comment: Western creditors insisted any new commercial loans for Yugoslavia be negotiated through the Yugoslav National Bank, rather than the country's regional banks. [REDACTED]

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Dominican Republic/Honduras/Nicaragua

[REDACTED] the newly formed Dominican Leftist Front (FID), composed of a number of leftist parties, will hold as its first public activity a demonstration in front of the Honduran Embassy tomorrow in Santo Domingo. [REDACTED]

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Portugal

Transportation workers called off a nationwide strike scheduled for today after the new center-left government agreed to substantial wage increases for national train and city bus line employees. [REDACTED]

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